

PTA Meeting Notes-
1/16/2020
10 Members Present and 3 Officers Present

Dr. Baier's Update-

- As of right now the last day of school will be June 22nd because of the snow days. There were no days built into the calendar for snow this year.
- Report cards will be coming out on February 6th and will have comments on them this time.
- Wednesday Feb 5th is the primary musical.

Mrs. Denmyer's Update-

- Testing- some children are in the middle of testing. This is for students that English is the second language.
- Winter MAP is coming up for the whole school including Kindergarten.
- PARC testing is now going to be the MCAP.

Treasurer's Update-

- We elected a new treasurer. We unanimously voted Jessica Normington as our new treasurer.
- We had more families join PTA this year than last and most at a higher level.
- Things we have paid for in the past few months-
 - Laser light show assembly (Dec).
 - Classroom support- We pay for the Times for Kids used in the primary grade classrooms
 - Supplies for teachers..Teachers receive up to \$150 in reimbursement for classroom supplies.
 - We approved the motion to buy a new version of QuickBooks to use. We are looking into the online version as it can be used by whoever transitions into the role (not just now but in the future).
- We voted to write off a long time outstanding check the amount of \$132.
- We discussed buying a gaga pit to have outside and possibly funding this. Mrs. Grapes is pursuing a grant for this currently but we voted to help fund it is the grant does not come through.

Spirit Wear Update-

- Just a reminder the online store always open.
<https://shop.wgmprinting.com/fortgarrisonelementaryschool/shop/home>

Hershey Park Tickets-

- We will start promoting this at the middle of February. The due date is the end of March. If people pay after March the price will be raised. We earn \$5 from each ticket. Thank you to Jessica for running this.

Restaurant Night-

- At our most recent restaurant night at Koopers we made a \$74 profit. They also gave two \$50 gift cards to donate for the school.

HEROS for Boys-

- Mrs. Gill and Jessica Normington will be running this for boys in 3rd to 5th grade. It is similar to Girls on the Run.

Scholarship for High Student-

- We will be again giving a \$250 scholarship to a student at Pikesville High and Owings Mills High that went to Fort Garrison. The board will be reviewing the applicant's essays.

Live Streaming Meeting

- We discussed the option of live streaming meetings. We discussed live streaming meetings as a way of increasing awareness and involvement. It was undecided if this was something everyone wanted because there is a value to face to face interaction and building community. However, we agreed to experiment with purchased device (U-Tap) to use to livestream the meetings and potentially other school events. If we decide to keep, reimbursement for the U-Tap to stream may be requested.

Hot Spots-

- Mr. K and Mrs. Andrea presented about hot spots. They are a non-profit with a built-in curriculum. This month the theme is "Camp Hot Spots."
- Hot Spots has a budget that a budget **talked about how they want to help out support the school and our PTA!** to help us and volunteer often.
- There is a drop-in option for \$42 a day if needed. Before care is at 7:00 and after care goes to 6:30.
- Hot Spots offered to donate decorations to use in the cafeteria that were requested to help the new cafeteria manger make the cafeteria a little more festive.
- They also are offering a camp this summer. It is located in White Marsh and there will be busses from closer pick up spots. The camp sits on a 5-acres of land. There are 2 package's they offer for these camps. One is an adventure pack and one is for the arts. There is ropes course, ziplining and archery ect. Check out Camphotspots.com for more information.

Other-

- Directory is online and running at fortgarrisonpta.membershiptoolkit.com
- We discussed looking at grades on BCPSOne.